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Ashley MacIsaac auctioning off 50% of lifetime earnings on EBay

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It appears oil isn't the only thing Albertans are investing in. One Calgarian may be hoping to hit a financial gusher with Ashley MacIsaac.

The Cape Breton-born fiddler is auctioning off half his future earnings on EBay, and got a \$1.5-million bid before midnight Monday.

"From what I have been able to track, they are probably from Calgary," said MacIsaac yesterday.

"On a low-ball estimate I could see me making \$10 million in the next 30 years."

Ashley MacIsaac

"There is a possibility, through my Law & Order sleuthing, that they are a real estate agent."

"It could be a fake bid, too."

On the auction block is 50 per cent of the revenues the 33-year-old receives from his work until his death. He has released 10 albums, and earns \$5,000 to \$15,000 per show.

MacIsaac, who once filed for

bankruptcy, expects to release a new CD, a retrospective CD and a DVD this year.

"There is a possibility of a fairly hefty return," said MacIsaac. "On a low-ball estimate I could see me making \$10 million in the next 30 years."

MacIsaac opened bidding at \$1.5 million. The potential buyer bid, then rebid after MacIsaac re-

posted the auction.

The buyer's EBay name is 0***n, and has previously bid on sweaters, men's shoes and outerwear on the Internet auction site.

"It makes me wonder if it is fishy or not," MacIsaac said, adding he thought a serious bidder might contact his office directly.

Others question whether MacIsaac is the fishy one. He has been accused in the past of crude behaviour and publicity stunts.

"I am always serious about everything I say," MacIsaac said. The auction closes Monday.

Canada Day crowd Having their cake



Hundreds of people line up in the hot sun yesterday for Canada Day birthday cake at the Halifax Citadel National Historic Site. Story, page 2.

Salesman pulls knife

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Talk about a determined salesman.

When a potential customer didn't take the sales pitch, the shady salesman pulled a knife on him.

It all happened early Sunday at around 2:30 a.m. in the area of Granville Street and Sackville Street in Halifax.

A man with a jacket full of shaving products approached a 22-year-old man, looking to make a sale. The customer wasn't interested, but then the seller got pushy.

Police say when it became obvious the victim wasn't going to buy anything, the suspect pulled out a knife and demanded cash.

A bit of money was turned over, but it didn't end there.

Police say the suspect pulled out two travel-sized containers of shaving cream and handed them to the victim before leaving.

The suspect is described as a 5-foot-5 black man in his 30s with a scruffy beard.

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N.S. behind nation in earnings jump

Nova Scotians are earning more money, just not as much as other Canadians. The average Bluenoser made 2.2 per cent more a week during the one-year period ending in April. The Canadian average was 3.2 per cent. STATISTICS CANADA

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Halifax celebrates Canada's big birthday bash



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Revellers decked out in red and white garb were greeted with a blanket of sunshine as they enjoyed the festivities in the city.

Halifax had two reasons to celebrate yesterday; Canada's birthday, and the clouds finally parted.

Thousands dressed in patriotic red and white lined the streets downtown to watch the parade yesterday morning as the long-awaited sunshine finally burned through the fog. Shelley Haynes and her three-year-old daughter Taylor from Dartmouth dressed up in Canada-theme boas and top hats in honour of the country's 141st birthday.

"I decided we would just deck ourselves out today," said Haynes while watching the lively Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo Parade. "We came last year too and thought we were a little under-dressed for Canada Day."

Atop Citadel Hill, revellers enjoyed a 21-gun salute, a foot and arms drill by the 78th Highlanders and a fly-past from 12 Wing Shearwater. Free admission lured thousands inside the National His-



German Gym Wheel Team Tausenstein performs at the Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo Parade yesterday for Canada Day.

toric Site for the official ceremony and proclamation and to eat birthday cake. Judy Streach, Chester-St-Margarets MLA, spoke on behalf of Premier Rodney MacDonald.

"We are all extremely lucky to live in a country with freedom of speech and association," she said.

Nova Scotia Lt.-Col. Mayann Francis and Downtown Coun. Dawn Sloane, who spoke on behalf of Mayor Peter Kelly, cut a giant flag cake with a ceremonial sword.

Amina Abawajy and her two daughters Aisha, 10, and Khadija, seven, were dressed head-to-toe in red and white as they munched on birthday cake and enjoyed the party.

"We have to celebrate our country, to feel proud of where we're from," said Abawajy of Fairview.



LEFT: A drummer performs during the Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo Parade yesterday for Canada Day. RIGHT: Cool Canines raced through a Canada Day obstacle course set up at the family picnic on the Halifax Common.

The butterfly house is up and running at the Nova Scotia Museum of Natural History. Visitors can check out a variety of the world's butterflies in a controlled environment. **METRO HALIFAX**

Cannabis supporters get by with help from friends

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There's an old saying, "a friend with weed is a friend indeed."

That sums up most of what you need to know about Cannabis Day yesterday. The annual celebration of pot culture on the Dartmouth Commons brought out dozens of people mostly looking to get high and have a good time.

"It's not about smoking pot, it's about getting together with your friends," said Marcus, who's been partaking in the event for four years. "It just so happens Canada Day sounds like Cannabis Day."

The crowds took part in renowned pothead activities, namely sitting, drumming, and of course playing hackey sack.

You could also buy marijuana-themed trinkets and such literature as Indoor Marijuana Horticulture or Skunk Magazine (actual motto: "stinkin it to the man.")

Most of the crowd was



Two marijuana enthusiasts show their support for Cannabis Day yesterday at the Dartmouth Commons.

content to listen to music and enjoy the weather, but the event is also used to advocate legalizing weed. Some take this more seriously than others.

"It's a dedicated part of your life. You need to be committed to it 100 per

cent and be an advocate," said a girl going by Little Liz.

"I just do it because it's fun to get high," responded her friend, who thought for several minutes when asked his name before finally deciding on Iceman.

Both were lying in the grass with a few friends when two girls walked over to their circle.

"Can any of you guys roll? We've got papers but we suck at it," said one girl. Iceman then volunteered to give them a

hand.

"See? It's about helping people out when they're in need," said Liz. "That's what weed does."

"Hey, do you ever get into writing articles about time and space theory of things like the energies and realities that are apparent on the third dimension? This is the physical reality, right? But what about the emotional reality? It's this intangible thing, this global force on the world on the same dimension that we're in but it's accessed through this intangible intelligence."

Marcus

Mayor home and recovering

NO CANADA DAY FESTIVITIES
Mayor Peter Kelly wasn't allowed out to play for Canada Day.

Kelly, 51, just returned home from hospital Monday after abdominal pain forced him to go to the emergency room last Tuesday.

He was later diagnosed with diverticulitis, a digestive condition that can be treated with antibiotics and monitoring his diet.

Downtown Coun. Dawn Sloane attended Halifax's official Canada Day ceremony on behalf of the mayor yesterday.

When talking to the mayor that morning, she said that he wanted to get out of the house, but his family members hid his cellphone, keys and shoes.

"As you know he's like the Energizer Bunny — he goes and goes and goes," Sloane said about Kelly, who's been in office since 2000.

"We made an executive decision that he's to stay home and rest. We want our mayor well."

Kelly, who's been in office since 2000, said Sunday he doesn't expect to take off much recovery time.

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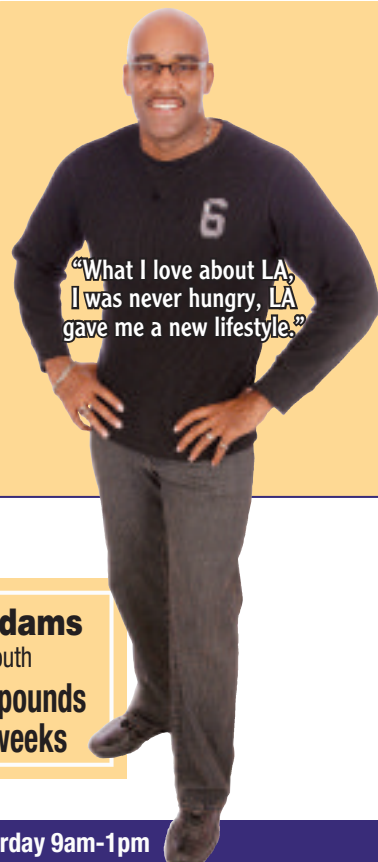
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New citizens sworn in

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Alice Miller has always been a Canadian at heart.

After 43 years of living here, she officially became a Canadian citizen at a ceremony at the Sackville legion on Canada Day.

"I wanted to do it before I died. I'm 88," she said.

Miller moved from Minnesota to New Glasgow

in 1965 when her husband got a job building the paper mill. They stayed in New Glasgow until he retired and they moved to Halifax.

"I didn't want to give up my U.S. citizenship and it wasn't until recent years that you could have dual citizenship," she said.

But it's always been a little frustrating not being able to vote, she said.

"I don't know why (it took so long). I've been very active all of my life in Cana-

da and given a lot of myself wherever I've lived."

She may have dual citizenship now, but there's really only one party she planned on attending this week.

"I don't celebrate the American holidays anymore. I'm a Canadian."

ceremonies

There were two citizenship ceremonies yesterday, at the Sackville legion and at Pier 21 in Halifax:

Pier 21 — 61 people from 27 countries were sworn in. Sackville — 40 people from 20 countries were sworn in.

And becoming a citizen on Canada Day made it extra special, he said.

Now with documents in hand, Zovighian said he wasn't sure how citizenship would change his life since he's been living here for five years.

"Being a citizen, I don't know, but being here in Canada is a big difference from Beirut (Lebanon). As you know, it's not very stable there so it's good to be here safe and stress-free."



Alice Miller receives congratulations from Const. Earl Dalphy at a citizenship ceremony at the Sackville legion yesterday. She was one of 40 new citizens to take the oath at the ceremony.

Weymouth boy, 15, killed in ATV accident

A tragic ATV accident claimed the life of a 15-year-old Weymouth boy Sunday night.

John-David Amero died after the ATV he and his 12-year-old brother, Joel, were riding at 9:16 p.m. ran into a wire cable across a logging road in Weaver Settlement, Digby Co. Joel Amero, who was riding on the back of the ATV, escaped with only minor injuries.

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withdrawn

The boy's death came just three days after Premier Rodney MacDonald withdrew support for a \$230,000 program that saw government buy 66 child-sized ATVs for training programs. MacDonald vowed government would return the ATVs and get the money back.

Bridgewater police seeking man for pair of stabbings

CHARGES. Bridgewater police are looking for Cory Kyle Langille, 21, who is charged in two stabbings early Sunday in the quiet town.

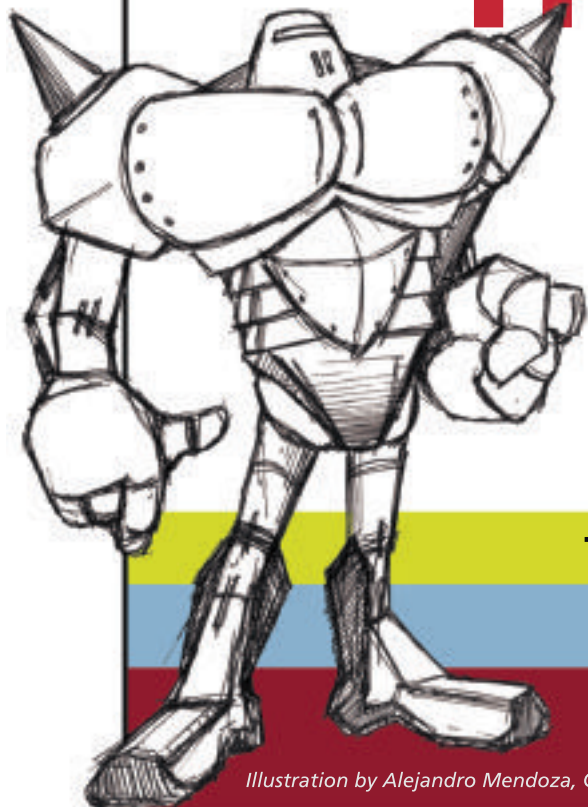
Langille, a 5-foot-10, 140-pound man with short brown hair, is known to police. He has been charged with two counts of attempted murder and two of aggravated assault. Police have issued a warrant for his arrest.

The two stabbings happened within five minutes of each other. At 2:19 a.m. Sunday, police came upon a fight and gave a male victim first aid. Shortly afterward, police received a 911 call to an address a block away, where they found a second stabbing victim.

Both victims were stabbed in the torso and had to undergo surgery.

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Morgentaler gets Order of Canada

Roman Catholic Archbishop blasts move

The decision to award pro-choice crusader Dr. Henry Morgentaler the Order of Canada yesterday on Canada Day set off a flurry of reactions ranging from disgust to congratulations.

"Canada's highest honour has been debased. Henry Morgentaler has been awarded the Order of Canada. We are all diminished," Most Rev. Thomas Collins, Roman Catholic Archbishop-

op of Toronto, said in a statement issued after the award was announced by Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean.

Morgentaler, among 75 people who will receive the prestigious national honour at a later date, was lauded on the Governor General's website for "his commitment to increased health-care options



Rev. Collins

for women, his determined efforts to influence Canadian public policy and his leadership in humanist and civil liberties organizations." Feminist Judy Rebeck, the former president of the National Action Committee on the Status of Women, described the award to Morgentaler as long overdue.

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Canada Happy Birthday - Eh!



Zoha Khan, 7, of Montreal watches the Canada Day crowds on Parliament Hill from the National Capital Info Centre on Wellington Street yesterday. Hundreds of thousands of people took in concerts and activities at official sites in Ottawa's downtown to mark Canada's 141st year of Confederation.

News in brief

NEW YORK. Former media baron Conrad Black settled a lawsuit brought against him by Sotheby's International Realty Inc claiming that he failed to pay the commission on the \$10.5 million sale of his New York apartment.

NEW BRUNSWICK. A truck containing about 12 million bees overturned on a major highway in New Brunswick yesterday, setting loose the insects.

REUTERS

B.C. teacher facing 10 years for sexual abuse of minor

BANGKOK, THAILAND. The Maple Ridge teacher who admitted to sexually abusing a teenage boy in Thailand will be sentenced on Aug. 15.

A Bangkok court announced on Monday that Christopher Paul Neil, 33, may be facing up to 10 years in prison for sexually abusing a 15-year-old Thai boy, photographing the of-



Christopher Paul Neil

fence and putting them online, CBC News Online reports.

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New York magazine founder dead at 82

Publishing pioneer Clay Felker, who founded influential New York magazine and promoted the "new journalism" style of reporting, died at his Manhattan home yesterday, the magazine said. **REUTERS**

World

"You cannot consider someone a criminal for drinking two beers."

Norton Luiz Lenhart, president of Brazil's restaurant federation, about the tough new drinking and driving laws. **REUTERS**

**anti-Muslim film**

Dutch politician Geert Wilders is planning a sequel to his anti-Muslim film Fitna, the local daily De Telegraaf reports. The move comes after the Dutch Ministry of Justice decided not to prosecute him for inciting hatred with his film denouncing the Koran. **REUTERS**

AU calls for unified government

The African Union has made a rare intervention into internal politics, calling for negotiations in Zimbabwe.

President Robert Mugabe returns to Zimbabwe today under pressure from fellow African leaders to form a national unity government in the wake of his re-election in a violent poll ruled unfair by moni-

EU position

The European Union will only accept a Zimbabwean government headed by opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai, French Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner, whose country has taken over the EU presidency, said yesterday.

tors.

An African Union summit in Egypt, attended by Mugabe, approved a resolution calling for him to negotiate with opposition

leader Morgan Tsvangirai, who withdrew from the run-off election because of violence against his supporters.

The resolution fell

short of the tougher statement wanted by some African countries, but it was an unprecedented rebuff to Mugabe, previously feted as a liberation hero.

In the strongest public statement from one of Zimbabwe's neighbours since he was sworn in on Sunday, Botswana called for Mugabe to be barred from the AU and the

southern African regional body SADC.

Last Friday's second-round election, in which he was the only candidate, was condemned by monitors and much of world opinion as violent and unfair.

"In our considered view ... the representatives of the current government in Zimbabwe should be excluded from attending

SADC (Southern African Development Community) and African Union meetings," Botswana Vice-President Mompoti Merafhe said, according to a text of his remarks.

Botswana said Mugabe's participation in African meetings "would give unqualified legitimacy to a process which cannot be considered legitimate." **REUTERS**

Water poisoned at Chinese school

CHINA. More than 60 children fell ill after drinking water that may have been deliberately poisoned at a primary school in southern China, state media reported yesterday.

Thirty-four were still in hospital, suffering from headaches and nausea, and the rest were under observation at a rural school in Guangxi province after drinking the water in their school canteen, the Xinhua news agency reported.

The water in the school's storage tank smelled of pesticide and police found an empty bottle that they suspected of containing the poison, Xinhua said.

REUTERS

Magic mushroom effects last a year

DRUGS. The "spiritual" effects of psilocybin from so-called sacred mushrooms last for more than a year and may offer a way to help patients with fatal diseases or addictions, U.S. researchers reported yesterday. **REUTERS**

Spain immigrants intercepted

A would-be immigrant prays after arriving yesterday at the Puerto Rico beach on Spain's Canary island of Gran Canaria. Some 133 would-be immigrants were intercepted aboard two fishing boat on their way to European soil from Africa, Spanish police said.

News in brief

IRAN. A court has summoned the managing director of one of Iran's few remaining reformist newspapers for "spreading lies" against hardline President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, the students news agency ISNA reported yesterday. The agency

did not say when Mohammad Javad Haghshenas will appear in court to answer questions about an article published yesterday, questioning Ahmadinejad's belief in the second coming of Shiite Muslims "hidden" 12th Imam.

RUSSIA. The man suspected of killing Russian reporter Anna Politkovskaya on Oct. 7, 2006, is hiding in Western Europe, Russia's chief criminal investigator, Alexander Bastykin, was quoted as saying yesterday. **REUTERS**

Euthanasia video stirs controversy

GERMANY. The release of a video showing a former local politician helping a 79-year-old woman commit suicide has caused outrage in Germany and prompted some states to try to tighten their rules on assisted suicide.

Former Hamburg senator Roger Kusch, a prominent right to die campaigner, has said he advised the healthy pensioner on how to prepare a lethal cocktail of sedatives and malaria drugs which would kill her and left her flat shortly before she died.

Kusch filmed nine hours of conversations with unmarried and childless Bettina Schardt, who said she dreaded being taken to a home for the elderly. However, she did not have a terminal illness and said: "I can't say that I am suffering."

The subject of euthanasia is particularly sensitive in Germany due to the Nazis who some historians estimate killed more than

"What Mr Kusch did was macabre propaganda which has nothing to do with politics."

German Health Minister Ulla Schmidt

100,000 mentally handicapped or incurably ill people between 1940 and 1945.

It is illegal to help someone commit suicide in Germany, but Kusch sought to avoid prosecution as he did not personally administer the drugs.

Details of the case, which prosecutors are looking into, were plastered across German media yesterday after Kusch showed extracts of the video at a news conference on Monday.

"What Mr Kusch did was macabre propaganda which has nothing to do with politics," said Health Minister Ulla Schmidt. **REUTERS**



who says Aces
are hard to come by?

Ford Motor Co yesterday named Ken Czubay, 59, a 38-year auto industry veteran to the post of vice-president of U.S. sales and marketing effective July 16 to assist in the company's sales turnaround efforts. **REUTERS**

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Toyota cuts prices of 11 cars in Canada

TORONTO. Toyota Canada said it is lowering the manufacturer's suggested retail price, or MSRP, by \$1,350 to \$7,900 on 11 current models, including hybrids, regardless of whether a purchase is by cash, lease or financing.

The sticker price on a base Prius dropped \$1,900 to \$27,600; the RAV4 sport utility vehicle, \$1,350 to \$26,050; and the Highlander full-size sport ute, \$2,000 to \$34,900. Among Lexus models, the compa-

ny slashed the price of the base LS series \$5,700 to \$80,100 and the SC series \$7,900 to \$78,200.

Toyota also noted that June hybrid sales shot up 75 per cent from the same month last year, in response to rising fuel prices. Sales of the Prius, the most popular hybrid in Canada, rocketed 412 per cent.

Among other Toyota small cars, the Yaris and Corolla posted increases of 30 and 32 per cent respectively. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Housing Heading for crash



A woman walks past property-for-sale and to-let signs in Edinburgh, Scotland yesterday. House prices fell for an eighth straight month in June to stand more than 7 per cent below the peak hit last year, a survey showed, adding to expectations that the once-booming market may crash. **REUTERS**

Clash over CAW boss?

SHOWDOWN The Canadian Auto Workers union is heading for a showdown over who will replace president Buzz Hargrove.

Hargrove has called early meetings of the CAW's national executive board, top administrators and senior staff for next Tuesday to debate and endorse who will lead the union after he retires. Sources say Hargrove will ask the board and the other groups to endorse Ken Lewenza, president of CAW Local 444 in Windsor, as the next head of the union.

However Hemi Mitic, a veteran assistant of Hargrove, confirmed yesterday he will make a bid for support from the same groups at two separate meetings.

Insiders say an endorse-

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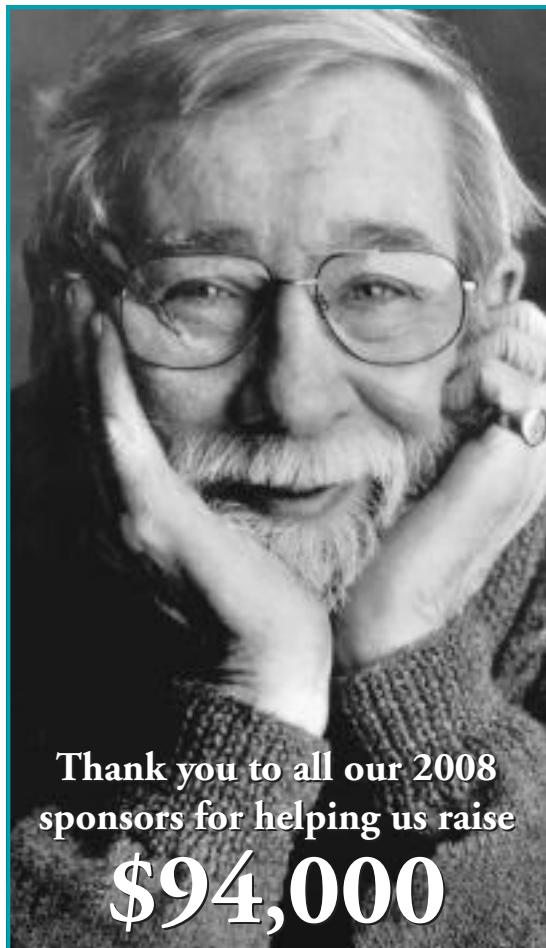
Hargrove, who has led the CAW for 16 years, turns 65 next March, the union's mandatory retirement age. **Mitic**, the union's former national director of organizing has been an assistant to Hargrove since 1992.

Lewenza, 53, is chair of the union's master bargaining committee at Chrysler.

ment from the board and staff would be a huge boost toward winning at a national convention of more than 800 delegates.

However, Mitic said even if he doesn't get the key endorsements, he will run for the \$150,700-a-year job of leading about 250,000 workers.

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News in brief

NEW YORK. Oil prices rose yesterday on forecasts global supplies will struggle to keep pace with demand and concerns tensions between Israel and Iran could lead to a disruption of exports from the OPEC nation. **REUTERS**

BOSTON. Rhode Island's top court yesterday overturned a landmark lower court ruling that found three former manu-

facturers of lead paint liable for creating a public nuisance by covering up the health risks of lead paint. **REUTERS**

MADRID. Oil producers need to remove barriers to investment to ensure oil markets are well supplied, but are unlikely to do so as long as prices remain high, Exxon Mobil's CEO Rex Tillerson said yesterday. **REUTERS**



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Beijing 2008

Devastating injuries?

Some of Canada's brightest medal hopes may not make it to Games

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Injury and recovery are a part of every athlete's life. But when you're an athlete gunning for gold at the Olympics, the stakes are high when injury strikes.

With the Beijing Summer Games fast approaching, some of Canada's brightest medal hopes — hurdler Perdita Felicien, diver Alexandre Despatie and gymnast Kyle Shewfelt, for example — are recuperating from recent injuries.

It remains to be seen if they can recover in time, the athlete-watchers say.

"They certainly are the types of injuries [that] may affect the performance of those individual athletes," said Scott Russell, host of CBC Olympic Morning and Countdown To Beijing.

Because the Olympics only come around every four years, it's frustrating for athletes when even small injuries occur, said Russell.

"For many athletes, the window is very small," he said. "You're in your prime for a very finite period of time. To have an injury occur before the Olympics can be very devastating."

But injuries can also forge champions, he notes. For example, eight weeks before the 1992 games, rower Silken Laumann was injured when a motorboat collided with her boat. Everyone thought she'd



Perdita Felicien hurt her foot in February. "There's a lot of speculation about whether she's able to do this," CBC's Scott Russell said.

miss the games, but Laumann rebounded to win a bronze medal.

"That was a heroic performance," said Russell. "That kind of thing can, and does, happen."

Competing in the Olympics is pressure enough without worrying about injury, former synchronized swimmer Carolyn Waldo said.

Waldo became the first Canadian female to win two gold medals at one Olympics games in 1988. And while Waldo, now a CTV Ottawa sportscaster, was never injured, the prospect alone was her biggest fear, she said.

"I didn't do anything that would risk injury," she said.

Although she calls the injuries to current athletes "heart-wrenching," Waldo

thinks Canada will do well this summer.

Shewfelt — whose 2004 Olympic gold medal for floor was the first medal ever won by a Canadian in an artistic gymnastics event — fractured both tibiae about nine months ago. But he recently won the vault competition and placed second in floor exercise at the Canadian Olympic Team trials.

"It looks like he'll be able to make a contribution," said Russell.

The world champ at the one- and three-metre springboard from 2005 to 2007, Despatie fractured his right foot in April, but Russell said he's "guessing he'll be able to show the fitness."

The injured athlete who remains questionable is Felicien, who hurt her foot while training in February.



CTV sportscaster and former Olympic synchronized swimmer Carolyn Waldo, pictured at her home in Kanata, Ont., recently, believes Canada will fare well at the Olympics in Beijing, despite injuries to several of its athletes in recent months.

"She hasn't said much about it, and there's a lot of speculation about whether Perdita is able to

do this," Russell said. "She's the one that's creating a buzz in the Olympic community."

Lawmakers urge Bush to boycott

POLITICS Two U.S. Congressmen yesterday urged President George W. Bush to re-think attending the Beijing Olympic Games after they were prevented from meeting Chinese human rights activists.

Congressmen Frank Wolf and Chris Smith said they had come to Beijing to meet Chinese citizens pressing for greater political and religious freedoms, including two who recently met the U.S. president.

But Chinese authorities pressured or forced nearly all the activists from seeing them, the lawmakers and activists said. **REUTERS**

Judo champion to carry Greek flag

HONOURS Olympic judo champion Ilias Iliades will carry the Greek flag at the Beijing Games next month, following a decision by the Hellenic Olympic Committee.

Iliades will be the first athlete to enter the Olympic Stadium on Aug. 8 as Greece is traditionally the first nation to parade.

The judo champion was first in the 81-kg category in the Athens Olympics four years ago but has since moved to the 90-kg category, where he finished second in last year's world championship. **REUTERS**

Tomorrow's lineup

CANADA'S FASTEST MAN. Pick up tomorrow's Metro to read all about Jared Cannington, the No. 1-ranked sprinter in the country.

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Cycling Danish rider Michael Rasmussen has been banned for two years by the Monaco Cycling Federation after he was expelled from last year's Tour de France, the International Cycling Union said yesterday. **REUTERS**

NBA In the wake of the National Basketball Association's Tim Donaghy gambling scandal, the league yesterday named retired U.S. Army Major General Ronald Johnson to a newly created position to oversee referees. **REUTERS**

Sports

"I was like, 'Oops, I did it again; I'm out of the semifinals.'"

Elena Dementieva after she survived a mid-match wobble to beat Nadia Petrova and reach Wimbledon's final four.



Baron Clipped

The Los Angeles Clippers have reportedly reached a verbal agreement with point guard Baron Davis on a deal in the range of five years and \$65 million US.

Kolzig heading to Tampa Bay

Former Dartmouth resident one of many players to change teams yesterday

Olie the goalie leaves Washington after spending the entirety of his 16-year career with the Capitals.

The Tampa Bay Lightning continued their massive offseason rebuilding project yesterday, signing veteran free agent goaltender, and former Dartmouth resident, Olaf Kolzig to a one-year contract.

"Olaf is a real stabilizer in the locker room and on the ice," Lightning vice president of hockey operations Brian Lawton said. "With Karri Ramo, Olaf Kolzig and Mike Smith we have a great deal of depth at the goaltending position

major moves

- The Chicago Blackhawks captured headlines on the first day of free agency, signing top defence-man Brian Campbell to an eight-year contract and also signing netminder Cristobal Huet.
- Curtis Joseph returned to Toronto, signing a one-year deal to play as a backup for the Maple Leafs next season. Toronto also added defenceman Jeff Finger and winger Niklas Hagman.
- The Washington Capitals signed goaltender Jose Theodore to a two-year contract.
- The Anaheim Ducks locked up Corey Perry with a five-year contract.
- The Carolina Hurricanes acquired Joni Pitkanen from the Edmonton Oilers in exchange for forward Erik Cole.
- The Columbus Blue Jackets acquired winger Raffi Torres from the Edmonton Oilers in exchange for forward Gilbert Brule.
- The New York Rangers signed Wade Redden to a six-year contract.
- Mike Commodore signed for five years with the Columbus Blue Jackets.

and we like all the options that allow us to move forward."

Kolzig, 38, has spent all 16 seasons of his career with the Capitals after Washington drafted him

with the 19th overall pick in 1989. The Johannesburg, South Africa native owns the Caps franchise records among goaltenders for games played (711), wins (301), save percentage

(.906) and shutouts (35) among others.

Since taking over as the Capitals starter in goal in 1997-98, Kolzig has appeared in at least 54 games each season and won the



Olaf Kolzig inked a one-year contract with the Tampa Bay Lightning yesterday.

Vezina Trophy as the league's top goaltender in 1999-2000 after winning a career-best 41 games with

a 2.24 goals-against-average, a .917 save percentage and five shutouts.

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Players down on derby

All-star event, maple bats, Jays GM all stir ire

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Becoming increasingly unpopular in the major leagues are:

• **The Home Run Derby.** More and more players are rejecting invitations to the event, which is annually held the day before the All-Star Game. This year's derby is scheduled for July 14 at Yankee Stadium, and the premier Yankee, Alex Rodriguez, already has turned down an invitation to participate. A-Rod believes the derby can cause bad batting habits. And there's a theory spreading around MLB like wildfire that the hitting struggles experienced this season by the Blue Jays' Alex Rios can be traced to last year's derby. Front-office types in Toronto, in fact, believe Rios' swing became big and

loopy after he finished second in the derby to the Los Angeles Angels' Vladimir Guerrero last July.

• **Maple Bats.** As first reported here May 12 and May 13, MLB wants to outlaw maple bats because of the alarming rate in which they've been shattering — and some players are instructing their union not to bother opposing the proposed ban. The Cincinnati Reds' Adam Dunn already has dumped all his maple bats and plans to use ash bats. "Four or five maple bats break a game," Atlanta Braves manager Bobby Cox said. "We're going to lose an eye or something. It could be a fan, an umpire, a player.

Someone might bleed to death in a matter of seconds."

• **J.P. Ricciardi.** The reputation of the Jays' general manager has been seriously tarnished, possibly irreparably, because of his public suggestions that the aforementioned Dunn lacks passion and dislikes baseball.

Ricciardi never met Dunn — Dunn had never even heard of Ricciardi — and the GM further embarrassed himself when he claimed he apologized to the outfielder. Dunn said that, in reality, he's never heard from Ricciardi. "I laughed when I heard about (Ricciardi criticizing Dunn)," Reds doctor Timothy Kremchek said. "I thought, 'If you only knew.' There is no player I've ever treated who had the things that Adam had and continued to play."

>>> A-Rod's as-sociat-

ing these days with folks who have reputations. Rodriguez, who is married, is being linked romantically to entertainer Madonna. And he's admitting that, since 2006, he's received batting tips via text messages from Pete Rose, the career hit leader with a lifetime ban from MLB (gambling violations).

>>> Cincinnati superstar Ken Griffey Jr. was wondering aloud why Reds manager Dusty Baker benched him against a left-hander the other night.

"Because you can't hit lefties," explained Dusty's 9-year-old son, Darren Baker, who often travels with the team. "I hit 21 (home runs) off lefties in 1996," Griffey said. "That was 1996," Darren replied. "You're old now."

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		Pujols STL	241	43	86	.357
		Holliday Col	262	43	87	.332
		Nady Pit	257	37	81	.315
		Guzman Was	357	48	112	.314
		Theriot ChC	297	46	93	.313
		Jackson Ari	253	46	78	.308
		Molina SF	273	26	84	.308
		Giles SD	302	37	93	.308
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Shelley signs with Sharks

Former Halifax Mooseheads captain Jody Shelley signed a two-year, \$1.45-million contract with the San Jose Sharks on Monday. The Sharks acquired the Yarmouth native from the Columbus Blue Jackets midway through last season. **METRO HALIFAX**

Canadians come around

Offence picks up game to help Halifax team rebound from bad start

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With Dartmouth hosting nationals next year, Halifax is hoping to be the second Nova Scotian team in the tournament.

The way the Halifax Pelham Canadians look at it, one bad weekend put them in an early hole. But they're well on their way to digging themselves out of it.

The sizzling-hot Canadians have won seven of their past eight games in the Nova Scotia Senior Baseball League, bouncing back from a 2-6 start that included three straight road setbacks to the Sydney Soomers at the end of May.

"One bad weekend in Sydney killed us ... Those three straight losses made our record look a lot worse than it really was," said Canadians closer Chris Munroe.

"All the losses weren't a huge concern, but we were

getting impatient trying to score runs. The pitching was there, the defence was there, we just couldn't get the offence going."

The Canadians underwent some fairly major changes in the off-season, losing key contributors Gregor McPherson, Geoff Dunsworth and Brent and Craig Cooper.

Munroe said it was an adjustment period early on, but Adam Lucas and Ryan Veinot have helped the offence emerge, and the Canadians have soared to second in the league.

"Once they start rolling, everyone starts rolling," said Munroe, who has a 2-1 record. "They're the catalysts of the team and once we get them going, we're good."

With the five-time defending provincial champion Dartmouth Moosehead Dry hosting nationals next year, one other Nova Scotia team can qualify for the event. That's injected excitement into teams that

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Ryan Veinot has been a key contributor to the turnaround of the Halifax Pelham Canadians' offence, helping the team rise to second place in the standings.

are usually on the outside looking in.

"It creates a lot of hype," Munroe said. "The boys have been talking about it from Day 1. Instead of wait-

ing for the stretch run to get here, everyone's been serious from the start."

The Canadians like their chances.

"Look out," Munroe said,

serving notice to the rest of the league. "Our pitchers are doing great and if our hitters continue to come around, we're gonna be a very, very strong team."

Carter aiming for 5th provincial title

GOLF. Dundee's Leon Carter is chasing history as the Nova Scotia Golf Association men's amateur championship begins today at the Lingan Country Club in Sydney.

The defending champion from River Bourgeois, Richmond Co., is gunning for his fifth career crown at the tournament, which concludes Saturday.

METRO HALIFAX

Crash claims N.S. HOF inductee

FIELD HOCKEY. Former Halifax field hockey standout Nancy Tokaryk died in a car accident near Ottawa on Saturday. She was 59.

Tokaryk was inducted into the Nova Scotia Sports Hall of Fame in 1995 along with 14 teammates from the 1975 provincial field hockey team that won gold at the Canadian senior championship.

Tokaryk was the passenger in a vehicle involved in a head-on collision. The driver of the other car, Jennifer Woollcombe, 37, of Carleton Place, Ont., also died in the crash.

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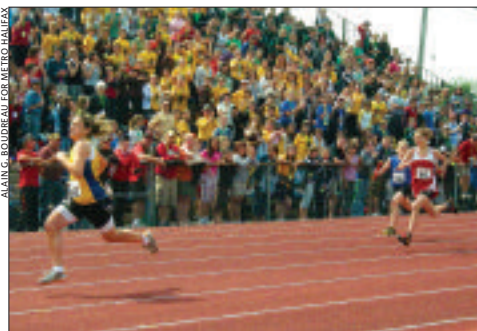
Nova Scotia takes four medals

JEUX DE L'ACADIE. Nova Scotia finished tied for fourth in the medal standings as the Finale des Jeux de l'Acadie wrapped up yesterday afternoon with the closing ceremonies at Exhibition Park.

Halifax and Dartmouth have played host to the Jeux de l'Acadie for the past four days, as the event came to Nova Scotia for the first time in its 29 year history. It has been held 26 times in New Brunswick and twice in P.E.I.

The girls volleyball team won Nova Scotia's lone gold medal on Monday by sweeping Chaleur in the final.

The province also claimed three bronze medals, with third-place finishes in boys basketball and boys and girls soccer.



The New Brunswick region of Chaleur ran away with nine total medals at the Jeux de l'Acadie, held in Nova Scotia for the first time.

Chaleur, a region in northern New Brunswick, finished atop the medal standings with five gold and four silver. Sud-Est piled up eight medals and Kent was third with five.

Nova Scotia was sixth of nine regions in the point

standings.

The Jeux de l'Acadie is billed as the largest celebration of Acadian and Francophone youth in Atlantic Canada, and plays host to an estimated 1,100 athletes aged 11 to 16.

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Completely reworked for 2009, Subaru has steered the Forester from the 'tall wagon on stilts' formula of the first and second generations to a more generic 'Japanese Cute-Ute' styling instead.

The new Forester is longer, taller and wider than before, all in an effort to maximize interior space

— one of its predecessor's drawbacks. The wheelbase grows by 90 mm, all of it directed at enhancing rear seat comfort.

Other notable changes include adopting a modified version of the suspension underpinning Subaru's Impreza model, but with generous ground clearance still a key attribute.

Powerwise, the latest Forester still offers two versions of the 2.5-litre four-cylinder 'boxer' engine. The normal air-breathing

version now features improved valve operation to help produce 170 horsepower, while the twin-turbocharged version brings 224 hp.

Both engines are mounted slightly lower in the chassis to aid handling and crash safety.

The powertrains are rounded out with either a five-speed manual (with electronic hill hold) or four-speed automatic transmissions, as well as Subaru's standard 'symmetrical' all-



The Subaru Forester

wheel-drive system.

Despite its gains in size, the Forester remains a dedicated five-seater.

The cabin follows the Impreza's theme, with big sweeping lines on the dash evoking the Tribeca.

The gauges are crisp and clear, while the audio controls are mounted high to

aid access and legibility.

The materials used are of a standard higher than found in the Impreza, but there's still room for improvement.

Neat touches abound, like the multi-functional centre console that can be configured in numerous ways to store drinks or purses.

Standard features included heated front seats, roof rails, splash guards, privacy glass and steering wheel-mounted audio controls.

Your choices include base 2.5X, Touring and Limited models, all with generous levels of equipment.

The \$25,795 'X' gets the previously mentioned standard items, along with 16-inch steel wheels, air conditioning, tilt/telescopic steering wheel and a four-speaker AM/FM/CD/MP3/WMA audio system.

Moving up to the Touring level (\$27,995) adds alloy wheels, a power sliding moonroof, halogen fog lights, wiper de-icers, chrome door handles, rear-seat cushion table with integrated cup holders, reclining rear seats and a cargo tray.

The \$34,895 Limited tops things off with 17-inch alloy wheels, four-speed automatic, HID headlights, a stainless steel rear bumper step pad, climate control, power adjustable driver's seat, leather-wrapped steering wheel and shifter, wood trim and an upgraded six-speaker sound system.

On the road, the Forester has really nailed the ride/handling balance, feeling nicely tied down and responsive at all times. Steering feel is fantastic in a category that's getting more remote every day.

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Travel



Water, water everywhere

Denmark-born artist Olafur Eliasson's newly unveiled public art installation 'The New York City Waterfalls' is seen in front of the Statue of Liberty on June 26 in New York City. Four massive waterfalls using water pumped from the river have been installed along the East River through mid-October 2008. GETTY IMAGES

Quebec spas go wet and wild

Taking a road trip to visit the province's nature spas proves highly refreshing

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From Gatineau to Tremblant, Quebec's outdoor spas offer visitors a variety of ways to take the waters with nature as a splendid backdrop.

Le Nordik

It's Friday noon at Le Nordik Nature Spa and people are already lined up to enjoy a day of social bathing, Nordic-style.

This three-year-old outdoor spa — where the waters run hot, cold and tepid — is apparently a hot spot for Parliament Hill types who, we're told, make the 12-minute drive to take the waters on a fairly regular basis. Sitting pretty on a rocky piece of property at the front door of Gatineau Park, Le Nordik is one of several nature spas I discovered on the route between Gatineau and Tremblant.

The taking of the waters for health and wellbeing is a European practice dating at least as far back as Romans times, and tends to be more of a health and wellness activity than a spa experience. Here, Quebec offers the largest collection of spas where the focus is primarily on the taking the waters. But unlike in Europe, where seeing guests walking from sauna to steam room to shower in their birthday suits is quite common, there will be no flashing of bare bottoms at these spas.



At Quebec spa Le Nordik, visitors can take the waters while taking in the magnificent natural scenery.

There are separate change rooms for men and women, and robes (some spas ask that you bring your own), and towels or bathing suits are a must.

Along with four outdoor pools plus hot tubs, Finnish sauna, steam bath, a Nordic (read ice-cold) waterfall, and various lounge areas spread around a terraced lot, Le Nordik also holds the distinction of being one of the few nature spas with a licensed, all-day, poolside restaurant.

It serves a varied selection of dishes including

healthier choices such as fresh fish and vegetable wraps, plus a signature platter of local artisan cheeses paired with wines.

There are also more than a dozen treatment rooms for a variety of massages — no other treatments are offered, which is fairly typical of these Nordic-style spas. An on-site lodge can accommodate a group of up to 12 people.

Ofuro Spa

Several hour's drive north, near the town of

Morin-Heights in the Laurentians, Ofuro Spa is a nature spa that is, as the brochure says, "a truly zen experience." Drenched in a Japanese-theme — pagoda-style architecture, Japanese art, furnishings and sculptures are everywhere — Ofuro is certainly one of Canada's most uniquely-decorated and exotic spas.

To the sounds of a mountain stream cascading over boulders, guests breathe in the fresh air and soak up the benefits of nature from one of several

pools, from lounge chairs set out on various decks, or while snuggling in a swaying hammock. Unlike many such spas that offer only massages, Ofuro's menu of spa services includes pedicures, facials, body wraps and scrubs. We stayed the night in one of five relatively new guest rooms each nicely decorated and with en-suites and spread around a community lounge where continental breakfast is served.

Le Scandinave

Not far from Ofuro and

On the web

Day passes to all three of these outdoor spas are around \$40 per person. For more information, visit:

- Le Nordik, www.lenordik.com
- Le Scandinave — www.scandinave.com
- Ofuro — www.spaofuro.com
- Chateau Beauvallon — www.chateaubeauvallon.com

just a few minutes drive from the Village of Tremblant is Le Scandinave. Considered the grand dame of Quebec's Nordic-style spas, it is not only the oldest, but the largest. Perched on the banks of the Diable River (good for devilishly cold dips), the spa offers rooms for massages, a collection of pools, saunas, steam rooms and hot tubs spread around a multi-terraced lot, plus various relaxation areas both indoors and out. I especially liked the Zero Gravity Room where lounge chairs fold down flat for easy napping in a serene environment.

Taking the waters can be exhausting to the system. There's a small bistro serving sandwiches, soups and juices and while there are no accommodations at Le Scandinave, Chateau Beauvallon, a lovely inn located just a few kilometres away, offers a free year-round shuttle.

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Weird travel: toes and cockroaches

For travellers seeking the outlandish, travel review website IgoUgo.com has come up with a list of its top weird activities from around the world, based on letters from website readers.

1 The Great Whipped Cream Battle – Olomouc, Czech Republic

Fluff flies during this highlight of Olomouc's week-long city festival.

2 The Modern Toilet Restaurant – Taipei

Find good food for less than \$10 at this Taipei eatery – provided you don't mind eating out of a (replica) toilet bowl.

3 Eeyore's Birthday – Austin, Tex.

In Austin, adults and children alike use Winnie the Pooh's fictional donkey friend as an excuse to party.

4 Sourtoe Cocktail – Dawson City, Ala.

Anyone with a strong stomach can gain entry into the Downtown Hotel's Sourtoe Cocktail Club by sipping a drink containing one of the hotel's preserved human toes. Rules say your lips must touch the toe.

5 Cabbages and Condoms Restaurant – Bangkok

The restaurant's name raises eyebrows, but it's all for a good cause. Contraceptives are for sale and everyone gets a condom with their coffee instead of a mint.

6 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Races – London, England

Pancake races have characterised Shrove Tuesday in the U.K. for centuries; at this one, all you need is a team and a crazy costume, and you have a shot at stardom.

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I never thought I'd be caught eating out of a toilet bowl, but there I was, scooping out chunks of brown stuff from a lime green loo. The loose watery goo looked remarkably like you-know-what, but I tried not to think about it. Instead, I chose to wash the slop down with yellow liquid served from a plastic bed pan.

This is a typical lunch at the Modern Toilet restaurant, a kitschy café in the heart of Taipei's Shilin district.

It's fair to say that the restaurant's theme is crap. The décor is bathroom-like: blue tiles, toilet paper dispensers, mirrors

along the wall and shower curtains hung from the ceilings. Guests sit on toilets (seats down boys) and eat over sink-style tables.

Actual dishes take the form of toilet bowls, while cups look like mini urinals. There are toilet chachkas around the room and spiral brown clumps of doggie doo-doo on the tables.

It's an unusual gimmick but given the first Modern Toilet restaurant opened four years ago and has expanded into a franchise of some 10 restaurants around the city, it's clearly a hit, drawing a clientele of mostly young people.

Sitting atop my porcelain throne I had a look at the menu. According to a small poo symbol (located beside certain items on the menu) Japanese-style hot pots, hot chili chicken and the cheesy noodles are some of the most popular dishes.

Though the food was decent, gourmet cuisine

certainly isn't the main reason that most people come.

A visit here begs the question: Why would anyone want to eat out of a mock toilet bowl? There's something truly revolting about combining human waste with food, yet Modern Toilet makes this concept fun, subtly challenging the cultural taboos of poo.

Back at home, dinner discussions about bowel movements aren't exactly encouraged but here, toilet humour is an inescapable topic of conversation.

Sitting at a table nearby were Helen and Rachel, two twentysomethings who just graduated from the University of Toronto. On their celebratory week-long trip to Taiwan, the toilet restaurant topped their list of local tourist attractions. After visiting Taipei 101, currently the world's tallest building (a record soon to be



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At the Modern Toilet, a café popular with students, dishes include stool-coloured curried chicken and yellow beverages.

overtaken by Shanghai and Dubai), Modern Toilet was the next hotspot on their list.

Between bites of stool-coloured curried chicken, they admitted that a trip here made great fodder for Facebook photographs. "This toilet restaurant is fun," said one of the girls, taking a sip of strawberry milkshake from her bedpan inspired cup. "It's the shit."

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George Carlin remembered

Roughly 150 people, among them Garry Shandling and Bill Maher, turned up at a private memorial for late comedian George Carlin in Los Angeles on Sunday, which was closed off to both the public and the media. **E! NEWS ONLINE**

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Entertainment

**sophomore**

Lily Allen has completed recording sessions for her second album, BBC News Online reports. The singer told Newsbeat she is yet to name the follow up to *Alright Still*.

New wrinkle for oldest toys

RICK MCGINNIS
for Metro Halifax



FEATURE "I love the American Girls," Abigail Breslin tells the roomful of reporters at a Los Angeles press event for her new movie, *Kit Kittredge: An American Girl*. "I collect them all, and I've collected them since I was, like, 8 or something. Kit was always one of my favourites, so it was fun to get to play her."

If you don't have a clue what they're talking about, chances are you don't live in regular proximity to a little girl anywhere between the ages of 4 and 12. Two weekends ago, the *Kit Kittredge* film starring Breslin as the plucky little girl coping with hard times during the Great Depres-

sion took in \$220,000 US in just five U.S. theatres at a whopping \$20 a ticket, as a prologue to its wide release this weekend — a bigger per-theatre average than anything else that's opened this summer.

Dolls are perhaps the oldest known toy, and examples have been found in archaeological digs in Egypt, Greece and Rome. The branded doll appeared for the first time around World War One with *Raggedy Ann* and the road was paved for Barbie, Blythe, Chatty Cathy, Sindy, Strawberry Shortcake and the Cabbage Patch kids.

This "surrogate child and perfect friend," as Scott describes them was given a new wrinkle when writer and teacher Pleas-

ant T. Rowland decided that something was needed to bridge the gap between baby dolls and Barbie, and founded *American Girl* in 1986 with a line of mail-order historical dolls whose stories were filled in with a best-selling line of books and accessories. Bought by Mattel, Barbie's home, the company has sold by its own reckoning 14 million dolls.

This is an audience base that any movie producer would long to tap, one that makes pilgrimages to the three *American Girl* Place stores (in Chicago, New York and Los Angeles) — tiny replicas of old-style department stores like Bloomingdales, where they can browse rooms set up to showcase each doll, have their doll's hair styled,



Abigail Breslin says she collects all the *American Girl* dolls.

take in a stage show or unwind with finger sandwiches in the tea room.

Speaking from experience, a lone father will

wander through this well-appointed little world feeling like an alien with a wallet. Those wallets will be opened again and again

this weekend when *Kit Kittredge: An American Girl* opens wide across North America, and again when the DVD is released.



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First, pop star Madonna's, left, brother Christopher Ciccone writes a memoir about being her brother. And now, the New York Post reports he's shopping around a reality show about the same exact thing. **E! NEWS ONLINE**

In brief

MAKING THE CUT Nova Scotians Tamara Fifield and Kyla Tingley may still be the answer producers of *The Sound Of Music* are looking for. Both singers have survived another round of cuts on the CBC reality series *How Do You Solve A Problem Like Maria*, making it into the top eight. The winner will play Maria von Trapp in a new Toronto version of the musical.

STORIES AND SONGS The Halfnotes Songwriters Circle will present and evening of stories and songs at Ginger's Tavern tonight at 9 p.m. at Ginger's Tavern. The event will feature Andrew White, Asif Ilyas and Thom Swift. It is part of a series of monthly circles presented by Halfnotes. Tickets are \$15 at the door.

PINK DOG PROJECT Halifax-based Pink Dog Productions will be working with the Elizabeth Fry Society of Nova Scotia to create TV spots and longer-form videos to create awareness about the society and the services it offers women. Pink Dog will also provide writing and acting workshops to help women build communication skills. The production company received funding for the projects from the government of Canada.

CONCERT & CHOIR St. Andrew's United Church will play host to the Toronto Children's Concert Choir & Performing Arts Company this Sunday at 7:30 p.m. The event, at 6036 Coburg Rd., is being held as a benefit for Phoenix Youth Services. Tickets are \$15 and are now available by calling 422-3157, ext. 3.

METRO HALIFAX

It's no Picnic

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Picnicface have a problem.

Their online videos have gained international fame and their bi-weekly comedy shows at Gingers are so popular people are lining up an hour early. But they also have to turn people away at the door every week.

So they're temporarily moving into bigger digs at Neptune theatre for four all-ages shows this week-end.

The Even Better than the Last Show Show will compile the sketch comedy

more info

What: The Picnicface Even Better than the Last Show Show.

Where: Neptune Theatre
When: 8 p.m. July 3, 4 and 5, with a 1 p.m. Matinee show July 5

How much: \$15.00, all ages.
For tickets call 429-7070.

group's greatest hits from the last year.

"We have to do that at the Neptune, I had totally forgotten about that," said Picnicface member Mark Little of an infamous sketch about the worst eternal damnation imaginable.

The sketch is too horrific to even describe in print, other than saying it involves Michael Douglas.

"At the same time... that's so not family friendly," said Bill Wood. True, but it's also hilarious.

When the sketch was first performed a few weeks back and Ginger's the sold-out crowd was floored with laughter.

Fans are used to Picnicface lampooning everything from suicide packs to movie reviews. Somehow, it never seems to come off as offensive.

"The reason anything gets into our shows is it just kills us, it makes us laugh," said Little.

"This show will be inter-



As you can see, Picnicface members Cheryl Hann, Bill Wood (centre) and Mark Little take their breakfast sandwiches very seriously.

esting because there's a lot less of that stuff in there... unless Michael Douglas sneaks in."

Picnicface first shot to fame with their Powerthirst video — an over the top ad for an extreme energy drink. Since then

their collective videos have been viewed an estimated 20 million times, with Powerthirst making up almost half of that.

They've been busy of late working on pilots and possible tv show ideas.

"In a perfect world

someone would give us a TV show and let us shoot it here," said Wood.

"We've been told we're going to be rich and famous a number of times. Subsequently, I smell like sweat and rode my bike here."

Group of seven does what comes Naturally

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The last few months have held highs and lows for members of the a cappella group Naturally 7.

One low — a serious one — took place in March when the septet's tour bus caught fire on the side of a Kentucky highway.

"It was nerve wracking," said Rod Eldridge, a member of the vocal-play group that recreates musical in-

struments — and whole songs — with only their voices.

"I was asleep at the time. I don't know whether to think it was really serious or mildly serious. I was the last person off the bus and I realized whatever we had in our hands was all we would get."

It was followed by one of their recent high points — an appearance on the Ellen Degeneres Show.

The talk show host's staff had seen the group on YouTube and booked them on an episode with Mariah Carey, helping to boost their exposure.

"We felt that what went out in TV land was good — but most importantly, she liked it," said Eldridge, who recreates the sound of a trumpet with his voice.

The appearance came at the end of the group's tour as an opening act for Canadian-crooner Michael

more info

What: Naturally 7
Where: Casino Nova Scotia
When: Tomorrow and Friday, 8 p.m.
Tickets: \$36.50. Call 451-1221



A cappella group Naturally 7 performs at the casino tomorrow and Friday.

Bublé.

They performed here in February and are back at Casino Nova Scotia this week.

"Our name has gotten around a lot faster over the last year," said Eldridge, who helped form the group in New York in the 1990s. "Even though

we've been busy, we have always been busy, always been a hardworking band."

Recreating everything — from bass guitars to drums — can also be tiring for the band, which performs everything from 30-minute to two-hour sets.

"It's all about the audience. If they want more, they can do more," he said, adding the secret is to get a good night's sleep.

"Whatever rejuvenates the voice and gets it up and running. The vocal chords are just like any other muscles."

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X-Files star Gillian Anderson, right, will produce and star in a biopic of Martha Gellhorn, the pioneering female war correspondent who covered the Spanish Civil War and married Ernest Hemingway. **EW.COM**



The pros/cons of the thong

Today, I am no longer "woman who sits at desk wondering if she bought the right toilet bowl cleaner." Today, I am "wild ravishing temptress woman." I am a saucy, seductive love puppy. I am goddess. I am Eve. I am the proud owner of my very first thong.

I've always wanted a thong. To some women, this is akin to saying, "I've always wanted to have my eyebrows removed with gardening shears." But I have excellent reasons for wanting a thong.

First, panty lines. They are very bad. Although, in an age when celebrities are caught on camera seriously underdressed, it might be wise to let people know you are wearing underwear.

Secondly, if our fashion choices say something about us, my current underwear is screaming, "hasn't been in a lingerie store since 1998."

Finally, am assured that thong will make my bottom look fabulous without having to resort to unreasonable measures such as avoiding iced lattes or joining a gym. The thong saleswoman insists that my rear end will look



Columnist Anne Hines discusses the good, the bad and the ugly when it comes to the controversial thong.

just like Halle Berry's. I buy six. 7 a.m./DOT (Day of the Thong): Insert thong. Check out rear end in mirror. Strangely, rear end does not look like Halle Berry's. Must be bad lighting.

9:30 a.m.: At work. Wondering why no one has commented on sexy new me. One person does say, "Are you winning?"

11 a.m.: Starting to wonder if saleswoman directed me to right size. Hard to feel sexy while

wondering if thong will have to be surgically removed from backside by lunchtime.

1 p.m. Convinced that saleswoman was absent or drunk during training session on how to size a thong. Maybe both. Coworker shares that she calls thongs "fanny gnats"; they're annoying and they're everywhere.

3:30 p.m.: Thong has migrated from previous uncomfortable position into worse position.

HineSight

Anne Hines



Call thong-wearing friend for advice.

Thong-wearing friend: It takes a while to find what's right for your body type.

Me: How long did it take you? TWF: So far, about six years.

5 p.m.: Head home attempting not to walk as if there is a thong stuck up my backside. Which there really is.

7 p.m.: Prepare to discard thong. I am not wild, seductress woman. I am "woman destined to live in Joe boxers." Partner walks in and says, "Wow, that makes your rear end look like Halle Berry's." Don't care if it's a fib. I'm keeping the thong.

Anne Hines is an author and humour writer. She has written three novels and one collection of nonfiction humour.

Wanted tops at foreign box office

FILM. Angelina Jolie is the most Wanted woman at the foreign box office.

Her action thriller, which opened at No. 2 in North America with surprisingly strong weekend sales of \$51 million, was the top choice internationally with \$32.5 million from 22 territories.

It opened at No. 1 in 18 markets, highlighted by a record-breaking bow in Russia (\$11 million), where Wanted director Timur Bekmambetov enjoyed such hits as Night Watch and Day Watch. Other No. 1 openings included Thailand, Ukraine, Turkey and Poland.

The violent adaptation from a series of graphic novels by Mark Millar and J.G. Jones earned \$7.6 million in the U.K., second to fellow rookie The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian (\$8.1 million).

Kung Fu Panda was No. 2 overseas with \$23.3 million US.

REUTERS

Model's death ruled suicide

NEW YORK, UNITED STATES. A

20-year-old woman identified by local media as Kazakh supermodel Ruslana Korshunova plunged to her death from a Manhattan apartment Saturday in an apparent suicide.

Police said only that the woman was discovered dead in front of an apartment building in downtown Manhattan, near the financial district and the South Street Seaport tourist area.

Korshunova had graced the covers of European editions of Elle and Vogue and walked the catwalks for designers including Betsey Johnson and Jill Stuart.

Witnesses described seeing her plunge from a ninth-floor balcony in the building on Saturday afternoon.

Local media, citing police sources, said there was no sign of a struggle inside her apartment.

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On the web

For today's Intellevison column by Rick McGinnis, and for DVD reviews of In Bruges, Heathers: 20th High School Reunion Edition, and L'Age des ténèbres (Days Of Darkness), go to metronews.ca.

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The Property Shop

She gave up a six-figure salary? What?? Apparently money can't buy happiness. This new series follows Tatiana as she quits her lucrative job to open her own real estate business in Montreal. In doing so, she has to deal with the competition, sometimes ruthless junior agents, and her personal life as a mother and wife. 9 PM on HGTV



Supernanny

Insert your own "It's like pulling teeth" joke here. In this episode, Jo Frost works with a dentist's family that's overbooked and overstressed. Dad works such long hours, and the five kids are involved in so many activities, that there's no time for parenting. Mom and Dad are even afraid to move the family into the dream house they built because the kids are so destructive. That gives Supernanny a perfect starting point: new house, new rules. 10 PM on ABC ASN

Criminal Minds

Racially charged cases are always tricky, and the one in "Fear and Loathing" is no exception. The profilers are in an upscale New York suburb trying to identify a killer who's targeting black teenagers. They come up with a profile and want to release it to the media, but the mayor fears racial tensions will be ignited. Those fears are realized when a white man, fearing he's a suspect, shoots a black detective. 10 PM on CBS

CSI: NY

"I swear, I was just dropping it, and it went off!" When a young woman is killed by a gunshot, Mac (Gary Sinise) determines that the gun discharged after being dropped from the roof of a building. But the discovery of a family court judge's body — whose decisions on the bench had made him his share of enemies — has the team wondering if they have more than one killer. Melina Kanakaredes also stars in "All in the Family." 11 PM on CBS

Celebrity Buzz

Being a mom makes Gyllenhaal better actress



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CAREER Maggie Gyllenhaal says motherhood made her a better actress, but now she wants to spend more time at home than in front of the cameras, People.com reports.

"I think having a child changes everything and has deepened everything in my life," Gyllenhaal, mom to 20-month-old daughter Ramona, told reporters recently.

"I think it has deepened my acting." Of motherhood, "It really does crack you open in every way," said the actress. "I never knew that I could be so tired. I never knew that I could work so hard. I never knew that I could love so much or be so patient or be so excited by the tiniest, tiniest little thing. Everything about it has surprised me."

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celebrity brief



Hilton says she is paid to party

PEOPLE Paris Hilton is adamant her image as a fun-loving party girl is not real — insisting she is paid to attend most social events, imdb.com reports.

The hotel heiress is regularly pictured out and about at nightclubs, both in the U.S. and during her many trips abroad.

But Hilton claims that in reality she is very different to her socialite persona — and only goes to events because she will collect a paycheck at the end of the evening.

She said, "When they see me at parties, I am actually getting paid to be there. There is no such thing as bad publicity."

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Kidman compiles birth music

PEOPLE Nicole Kidman has created a music compilation for when she gives birth, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Oscar-winning actress — who is due to have her baby within the next two weeks — has chosen a selection of her favourite songs to help her during the delivery.

The tracks she has chosen include many by her husband, country singer Keith Urban, and Irish flautist Sir James Galway. A source said: "Nicole has been putting together CDs of music to listen to during labour. She has always loved James Galway, particularly his classical albums."

"Whenever you go to her house, she has Galway on."

There is one Prokofiev sonata that is her favourite."

Galway, 68 — who is considered the finest flautist of his generation — has recorded more than 60

albums, with his most famous song being instrumental version of John Denver's hit Annie's Song in 1978.

Kidman — who already has two adopted children, Isabella, 15, and 13-year-old Connor, with ex-husband Tom Cruise — has also reserved a private room at a hospital in Nashville, Tennessee as she wants the finest medical care and is

hoping to have a natural delivery.

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celebrity brief

Crawford keeps his shirt on

TV Gossip Girl star Chace Crawford hates appearing topless on-screen — because he doesn't want his good looks to divert attention from his acting skills, imdb.com reports.

The TV hunk, who plays rich kid Nate Archibald in the hit series, hates to undress for the cameras because he doesn't believe his character would strip off for no reason.

And Crawford admits to speaking his mind when TV bosses try and persuade him to get naked. He told Ok! magazine, "There was an episode where we were

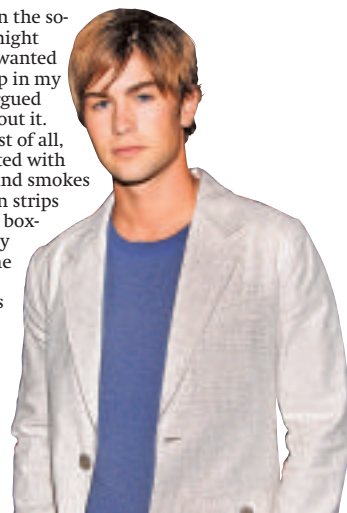
crashed out on the sofa after a big night out and they wanted me to wake up in my boxers, so I argued with them about it."

"I mean, first of all, who gets wasted with their buddy, and smokes weed and then strips down to their boxers before they pass out on the couch?"

No one does that.

"Why am I naked on my buddy's couch? It was weird so I fought it."

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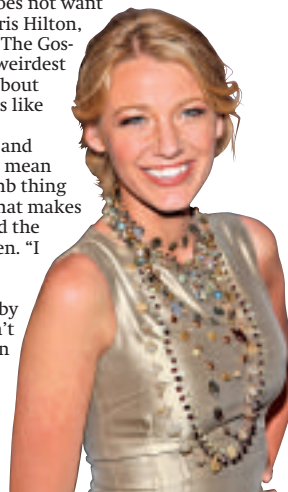


Lively is not like Hilton

PEOPLE Blake Lively does not want to be compared to Paris Hilton, PageSix.com reports. The Gossip Girl star said the weirdest rumour she's heard about herself is that she acts like the heiress.

"Since I have a dog and blond hair, that must mean we're alike. It's a dumb thing to say. I don't think that makes us similar," Lively told the new issue of Seventeen. "I don't know her, but I don't like being compared to anyone by somebody who doesn't know me. I'm my own person. I don't go to clubs, I don't party, I don't dance on tables and I don't like sex tapes."

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Brosnan happy to pass 007 franchise

FILM Former James Bond star Pierce Brosnan was relieved to finally hand over the 007 franchise to Daniel Craig — because playing the superspy is like making "a pact with the devil," imdb.com reports.

The 54-year-old starred as the secret agent in four films, eventually bowing out in 2004.

But Brosnan admits that playing the revered character is a major undertaking, as the franchise has such strict rules about conduct, grooming and endorsements.

And he was happy to finally shed the responsibility of playing Bond.

He said, "You become an ambassador to a small country. Bond is an industry."

"You make your pact with the devil. You know that it will follow you. But you just hope you get yourself off the ropes. I have no bitterness but I just feel exhausted by it."

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celebrity brief

Ledger theatre to be built in Perth

TRIBUTE Perth, Australia, is getting a new landmark: an \$87-million US, 575-seat auditorium named for a native son, the Heath Ledger Theatre, People.com reports.

Western Australia state Premier Alan Carpenter said at a dedication ceremony yesterday that the name was appropriate, given how supportive the late actor had always been for fellow young performers, the Associated Press reports.

"Heath Ledger was totally dedicated to the craft of being an actor and that's what made him successful," Carpenter said. "I think what we're doing is continuing that support for young people who want to make a career in the arts and act-

ing, stage and in film, whatever it happens to be."

Kim Ledger, the actor's father, called the tribute a pleasant surprise.

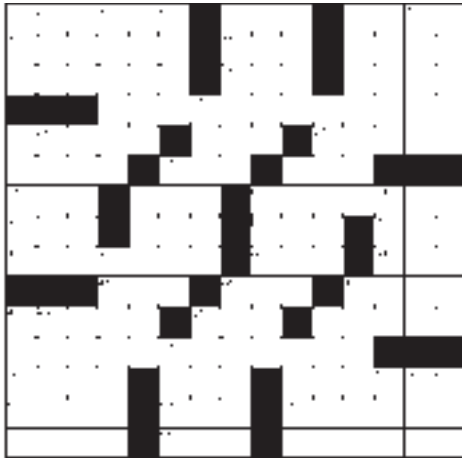
"He was such a giver to the arts right across the board. I really feel that there's not a lot of things he'd put his name to, but he'd put his name to that," Kim Ledger told The Associated Press, who attended Tuesday's ceremony.

METRO NEWS SERVICES



Former American Idol contestant Kristy Lee Cook has inked a deal with 19 Recordings/Arista Nashville for an album debut, with her first single, 15 Minutes Of Shame, already getting an Aug. 11 release date. **E! NEWS ONLINE**

take five



Crossword across

- 1 Acid in milk
- 7 Longbow wood
- 10 Fugue composer
- 14 Large lizard
- 15 Before
- 16 Winter woe
- 17 Saddle horn
- 18 Picnic intruder
- 19 Set down
- 20 Test of strength (2 wds.)
- 23 Silvery fish
- 26 Metro RRs
- 27 Cattle country
- 28 Aperture
- 29 Devious
- 30 Provide help
- 31 Festive night
- 32 Two below XL
- 33 Extreme
- 37 Half of zwei
- 38 IOU part
- 39 Underwater shocker
- 40 Cable network
- 41 Showed surprise
- 43 Naval off.
- 44 Thing, in law

- 45 Oxygen source
- 46 Masseuse employer
- 47 Well-groomed
- 48 Round of applause
- 51 Majors or Remick
- 52 Crawls with
- 53 Flower girls' opposites
- 56 Tiny speck
- 57 Homer-hitter Mel
- 58 Slow down
- 62 Qatar ruler
- 63 Improve, as wine
- 64 Ship's kitchen
- 65 Minus
- 66 Towel's place
- 67 Treeless plain



Previous Answer

This day in history

- JULY 2, 1698: Thomas Savery patented the first steam engine
- JULY 2, 1937: Amelia Earhart and navigator Fred Noonan disappear over the Pacific Ocean while attempting to make the first equatorial round-the-world flight.
- JULY 2, 1947: An object speculated to be a UFO crashes near Roswell, New Mexico, though the United States Air Force claims it is a weather balloon.
- JULY 2, 1962: The first Wal-Mart store opens in Arkansas.

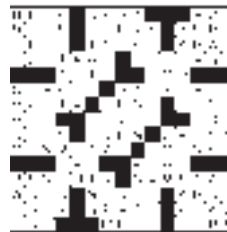
Crossword down

- 1 Bottle edge
- 2 In days gone by
- 3 Magna — laude
- 4 Stuffed corn husk
- 5 Lying still
- 6 Tranquil
- 7 Every January
- 8 Ocean birds
- 9 Moistens
- 10 Romantic songs
- 11 Repeatedly
- 12 Prompting
- 13 Living fence
- 21 Used a blowtorch
- 22 Dry runs
- 23 Transparent
- 24 Blockbuster
- 25 Ms. Verdugo
- 29 Storm drain
- 30 Gladiator's place
- 32 Gesture
- 33 More profound
- 34 Mid-afternoon
- 35 Skyscraper part (hyph.)
- 36 Prices
- 42 Upscale spreads
- 46 Not standing
- 47 Snuggle
- 48 Piggins
- 49 Smell
- 50 High school subject
- 51 Turn loose (2 wds.)
- 52 Small gift
- 54 Tusked animal
- 55 Units of energy
- 59 Zurich peak
- 60 Dem. alternative
- 61 Textile colorer

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Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20

A dangerous task will crush frustration. A brave man faces the mystery in his reality. A conscience might cause a bad reaction.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

Your politeness gets you emotional support. Reluctance can be dealt with. Those who are thwarted will challenge everything.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21

It's time to search for more fun. A bandit will suffer from a case of mistaken identity.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

A passionate person has fine talents. Don't shed tears for a dreamer. A tale reminds you of something.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23

You become aware of special circumstances. A person painfully finds out the truth. A challenger fails to appeal to others.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22

Leaders will want to get everything on paper. The past will become your future unless changes are made. Avoid a scam artist.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23

Find a reason to laugh with your friends. Don't accept someone's negative despair. You'll win something if you stay alert.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22

Don't try to manipulate a romantic person. A former foe wants to visit you. Try to appear to be more fastidious.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21

Important info comes from an obscure dream. A sincere person affects your choices. Be on your best behaviour all day.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20

Enchantment will clear out the cobwebs of your heart. Spicy thoughts will lead to a lecture. A phone call leads to a truth chat.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18

Restful moments can be found, but not in company. Keep your secrets to yourself. A complicated person will pay you back.

PISCES

FEB 19-MAR 20

Don't become a stickler for details. Breathe in the air of freedom by releasing yourself. Taking time off will work wonders.

Sudoku

INSTRUCTIONS:

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

previous day's answer

8	7	6	2	3	5	1	9	4
4	3	2	1	9	7	6	8	5
5	1	9	6	8	4	3	2	7
3	6	8	9	7	2	5	4	1
2	4	1	3	5	8	9	7	6
9	5	7	4	1	6	2	3	8
1	2	4	7	6	9	8	5	3
7	8	3	5	2	1	4	6	9
6	9	5	8	4	3	7	1	2

SOLVE TIME IN MINUTES:

Under 13 Genius
13-17 Scholar

17-21 Smart
21-25 Not bad
25+ Keep practicing

Halifax weather

Afternoon



Partly sunny.
23°

Tonight



Partly clear.
16°

Thursday



Sunny.
24° / 16°

Friday



Showers.
23° / 13°



Temperature
Normals
High: 21.3°
Low: 12.1°

Records
High: 30.6°/1984
Low: 7.2°/1970

Sunrise: 5:33 a.m.
Sunset: 9:02 p.m.
Moonrise: 4:28 a.m.
Moonset: 9:10 p.m.

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